September 23, 2005

The Honorable Stephen Johnson, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

201-14041

ATTN: Chemical Right-To-Know Program – Cobalt Stearate and Fatty Acids, Tall Oil, Cobalt Salts Category

Dear Administrator Johnson:

The Cobalt Stearate and Fatty Acids, Tall Oil, Cobalt Salts Group is providing this test plan as part of the Metal Carboxylates Coalition commitment to the HPV program as specified in the letter from Lynne Jones on May 24, 2004. The chemicals included in this test plan are:

13586-84-0

Cobalt Stearate

61789-52-4

Fatty acids, Tall Oil, Cobalt Salts

The sponsoring companies of this category are OM Group, Inc. and The Shepherd Chemical Company.

Attached is a copy of the test plan and supporting robust summaries. Electronic copies are also being submitted to oppt.ncic@epa.gov and chem.rtk@epa.gov.

The technical contact for this test plan is James Hobson and he can be reached at (301) 916-4068, or by email at Hobsonjfxxxxxx@msn.com. Administrative questions can be directed to me at (202) 721-4157.

Sincerely,

Lynne Jones Metal Carboxylates Coalition Executive Director

cc:

- J. Hobson, MorningStar Consulting
- S. Grove, OM Group, Inc.
- B. Pelsor, The Shepherd Chemical Company